



# County of San Diego

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## **FACILITIES THAT REQUIRE PLAN CHECK REVIEW FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

The Food and Housing Division (FHD) of the Department of Environmental Health (DEH) regulates all retail food facilities, cottage food operations, public pools and body art facilities in the County of San Diego, implementing state law and the San Diego County Code (SDCC) of regulatory ordinances. The Plan Check Unit reviews plans for the construction and remodeling of health-regulated facilities. All plans are reviewed by appointment and applicable fees may be paid at that time. When plans are found to be for non-health regulated facilities, plans are stamped as *Non-Health Regulated*.

### **RETAIL FOOD FACILITIES AND WHOLESALE WAREHOUSES**

Section 114380(e) of the California Retail Food Code requires that plans for health-regulated retail food facilities are reviewed and approved by DEH before issuance of a building permit. Title 6 of the SDCC requires that plans for a new or remodeled non-processing wholesale warehouse must be reviewed and approved by DEH-FHD. Plans and specifications for all new construction, remodel or alteration shall be submitted to the Plan Check Unit.

### **COTTAGE FOOD OPERATIONS**

Private residences operating as a Cottage Food Operation must obtain a permit or registration from DEH-FHD, but do not require review of plans unless commercial equipment is added; a building permit may also be needed.

### **PUBLIC POOLS**

Section 65505 of Title 22, Chapter 20 of the California Code of Regulations states that a person proposing to construct, reconstruct or alter a swimming pool or auxiliary structure or equipment shall submit legible plans and specifications to the enforcing agent for review and written approval prior to commencing the work and in advance of the issuance of any building, plumbing or electrical permit. A public pool is defined as an artificial basin; chamber or tank used, or intended to be used, for public swimming, diving, or recreational bathing, but does not include baths where the main purpose is the cleaning of the body, nor individual therapeutic tubs. Spray grounds with recirculated water intended for human interaction are a type of public pool. Only private pools maintained by an individual for the use of family and friends are exempt from the provisions of this Chapter. Plan approval is required by DEH-FHD for any change to the pool or ancillary structures and equipment provided and maintained in connection with pools, including but not limited to:

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| 1- Dressing rooms    | 7- Disinfecting equipment |
| 2- Locker rooms      | 8- Filtration equipment   |
| 3- Shower rooms      | 9- Pumping equipment      |
| 4- Toilet facilities | 10- Safety equipment      |
| 5- Decks             | 11- Piping                |
| 6- Fences            | 12- Resurfacing           |

## **FACILITIES THAT REQUIRE PLAN CHECK REVIEW FROM DEH-FHD (continued)**

### **BODY ART FACILITIES**

Plans must be submitted for review when a tattoo, permanent cosmetic, branding or piercing business is constructed or remodeled. Plans and specifications for such new construction, remodel or alteration shall be submitted to the FHD Plan Review Program. The local building official may require plans as well. California Health & Safety Code (CHSC) §119312(f), part of the Safe Body Art Act (SBAA).

### **The following are examples of businesses regulated by DEH-FHD that may require plans when they are constructed (new sites) or are being remodeled:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Processing Wholesale Warehouse   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cafeteria (public or private schools) | <input type="checkbox"/> Produce Market (retail / wholesale)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bar (tavern / pub)*                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Meat/Seafood Market  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snack Bar                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Pool Hall that sells food  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bakery                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Jail (substation / holding cells)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bakery processing                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Camp Cafeteria   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caterer                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Massage Establishment (in some cities and all unincorporated areas)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confectionery                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Body Art Facility including mobile (tattoo / permanent cosmetics / piercing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concession Stand (permanent)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Camp Ground  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concession Stand (temporary event)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Stand or Agricultural Homestay  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Commissary                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Bed and Breakfast Facilities   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Vending Vehicle Commissary       | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Health Care Facility  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Food Facility (vehicle / cart) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cafeteria  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery (retail / dairy / wholesale)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Church or other Non-profit Kitchen**   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Storage                           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquor Store                          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mini-Mart/ Convenience Market         |   |

\* Exemptions may apply to breweries and wineries.

\*\* Please refer these kitchens to DEH; their permit status will be determined based on the scope of their food services. DEH will stamp plans as Non-Health Regulated if appropriate. Appointments are required for review of plans.

Contact the DEH-FHD Plan Check Program at (858) 505-6660 or for technical questions at (858) 505-6659.

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